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VENDOR ALERT 2008-02

TO: WIC VENDOR CONTRACT OWNERS
SUBJECT: REVISION TO VENDOR WIC INFORMATION EXCHANGE (VWIX) WEBSITE

Purpose I am writing to notify you that WIC is updating the Vendor WIC Information eXchange (VWIX) website. We plan to implement this new version in May, 2008.

What's New Highlights of the new VWIX website include:

- A user-friendly website with easy 'point-and-click' navigation.
- Greater flexibility to create reports by WIC food instrument (FI) for specific stores and for specific time periods.
- Links to directly access important vendor information on the wicworks.ca.gov website.

What to Anticipate The new version of VWIX will require a new logon ID to access your specific vendor information or to submit FI serial numbers either by the website or electronically by file transfer protocol (FTP). WIC will be providing new logon ID's by certified mail to vendor contract owners before implementation. We will provide training opportunities in April for vendors to learn about the revised VWIX website.

There will be a short transition period in May 2008 where both the current VWIX website and the new VWIX website will be in operation. This will allow vendors time to transition using the new VWIX website and to ensure all serial numbers are being accepted and processed properly for payment.

Questions If you have any questions, please contact Diane Phillips at (916) 928-8859 or email diane.phillips@cdph.ca.gov.

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